A picture says a thousand words……

Principal’s Message

Dear Parents/ Caregivers,

SUN PROTECTION POLICY @ PRESTONS PS

As part of our Sun Protection Policy, students at Prestons Public School are required to wear a hat when outside during lunch breaks and during sporting activities. A “No Hat – No Play” policy is one that is used throughout Australia, to motivate children to wear a hat and protect them from the dangers of excessive sun exposure. Unfortunately, there has been a steady decline in the number of students wearing hats that provide adequate sun protection to their ears or neck. Over the next few weeks, there will be an increased focus and enforcement of the “No Hat – No Play” rule. Students who do not have a hat during the lunch breaks, will need to play passive games in the shade areas of the playground. **Commencing in WEEK 6, only broad brim school hats (or legionaires caps) will be allowed. These hats can be purchased from the front office for $7. If you require financial assistance to purchase one of these hats - please let us know. I’m sure you will assist us by encouraging your child to wear a proper hat to school EVERYDAY, and protect them from future sun damage. (Don’t forget to write your child’s name inside the hat!)** Thank you for your support in this very important health and safety matter.

DOUBLE PARKING & ROAD SAFETY

It is important that we all follow the road rules and exercise EXTRA care when picking up and dropping off students to school. Although we do teach an effective road safety program to our students, there are other pedestrians (younger siblings and parents/carers) that we must protect. In recent days, a number of traffic issues have been reported to me relating to double parking and unsafe parking practices. PLEASE – for the safety of our students and the community – make sure that you follow the rules of the road! The council and local police will be present over the next few weeks to issue infringement notices to drivers who do not follow the rules.

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MEET THE TEACHER BBQ

You are cordially invited to attend the Annual Prestons Public School ‘Meet the Teacher’ Community BBQ, on Friday 4th March (5pm – 7:00pm)

This is a great opportunity to mingle with other families within our school community and celebrate the community spirit that exists in our great school. Come on up and grab a sausage on a roll and a cold drink, and share in some fun and games with the staff & students of Prestons Public School.

This is a family event. All students attending MUST be accompanied by a parent or caregiver.

If you wish to attend (and for catering purposes), please complete the order form at the back of this newsletter and return it to school before Wednesday 24th February.

I look forward to seeing you there!!

Mark Greentree - Principal

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2016 DATES TO REMEMBER

19/2/2016
Summer PSSA begins

19/2/2016
Book Club orders due

23/2/2016
Sporting Schools K-2

24/2/2016
Year 6 Wooglemai

25/2/2016
Year 6 Wooglemai

25/2/2016
Sporting Schools 3-6

1/3/2016
Toddler Reading Group

4/3/2016
Meet the Teacher BBQ

PSSA Summer Sport

Friday 19TH February

Oz-Tag - Woodward Park, Liverpool

Cricket - Phillip Park, Lurnea

Please ensure your child has their hat, sunscreen and plenty of drinks.

Students depart school at 9.30am and will return to school by 12.30pm
**School Information**

**Assembly Information**

**K-2** – Every Wednesday commencing at 2.15pm

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**VOLUNTARY SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS 2016**

**What Is A Voluntary School Contribution?**

This is a voluntary payment from parents that is requested each year by schools to supplement existing funding. Our school relies on these contributions to provide additional resources to ensure our students have the best possible learning opportunities and learning environment.

**How Much?**

The voluntary contribution for 2016 is: $30 per family.

Please note that this equates to only 75 cents per FAMILY per school week, and it is the cheapest contribution amount of ANY school in this local area!

All money raised from these contributions will go directly towards the purchase of school resources and related technology, to enhance the teaching and learning across our schools.

**Sporting Schools Program**

The Sporting Schools Program will commence next week for those students selected.

- **K - 2** - Tuesdays – 3pm to 4pm
- **3 - 6** - Thursdays – 3pm to 4pm

Students will need to provide their own snack & drink for afternoon tea. Parents must collect their child from school at 4pm.

**First Aid In Schools**

Students in Stage 2 & 3 will be participating in the St John NSW, “First Aid in Schools” program.

This will be held during school time on the 1st, 3rd & 4th March. Students will attend at different session times and there is no cost to parents.

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**Parent English Classes**

[Image of a sign for Parent English Classes]

**TODDLER READING GROUP**

Commences Tuesday 1st March at 2.15pm in the Library.

Parents and Carers must attend, assist and be responsible for their child at all times.

**St John First Aid in Schools**

St John has been invited to deliver our First Aid in Schools Program at your school. This is free program St John (NSW) is offering, to provide school aged children with first aid skills they can use in the event of an emergency.

The First Aid in Schools Program is delivered at your school by St John (NSW) Volunteer Educators.

**Course Content**

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Parents you do not need to book your child into the session this have been organised by your child’s school.

If you would like more information please contact 97458740 or email: schoolsprogram@stjohnsw.com.au

HELP US REACH OUR GOAL!!!

Currently $180
Classroom Chat with ..... 

Take a peek in KH this week!

Wow! KH have had a fantastic start to their learning journey here at Prestons Public School. The students have begun learning about the letters in the alphabet and are working towards recognising a range of sight words.

In KH we have been talking about playing safely in the playground, ensuring that we have a hat on when we play in the sun. KH are a cheerful bunch who have begun to develop quality friendships with one another and enjoy working as a team in the classroom.

Kindergarten have some very exciting colour weeks coming up this term, starting this Friday with Blue day! Miss Higgins and KH can’t wait! The boys and girls in KH should be commended for making such a positive start to their year in Kindergarten! Well done!

3/4S

3/4S have had an awesome start to the year. We have had fun getting to know each other. We have been involved in a lot of team building activities. These included making a cup tower with an elastic band tool and building a card house. It was tricky but we worked as a team and achieved the goal!!! See some of the photos below.

This term we are working with Mrs Ullrich to develop our art. We have been creating self portraits and you should see our work! We are all artists! Our Picasso inspired faces look great. We can’t wait to see what she has in store for us next.

3/4S are learning about being kind to others. We know what it means to be a good classmate and friend and are working together to make a happy, fun and friendly classroom and school.

Learning is fun in 3/4S!!!!
Combined Swimming Carnival

On Tuesday forty-one students attended the Whitlam Centre for our annual school swimming carnival. This was the biggest group we have sent in years. They showed great determination and some even attempted events they have not previously competed in. Results are being collated, and students who are successful in competing at the Zone Swimming Carnival will be notified shortly.

A big thank you to all the parents who helped and showed their support. Mr Meoni, Miss Brown and all of the students appreciate it greatly.

LIBRARY NEWS

Welcome back to another wonderful year in the Prestons Library.

The library timetable has been finalised. Each class has been allocated the following days for borrowing:

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The library borrowing can also be done at eating time lunch and recess Monday to Thursday. Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 need a library bag to borrow. This can be a school library bag, pillow case or sturdy plastic bag. Please ensure your child’s name and class is prominently marked on the outside of the bag. Books may be borrowed for a week and renewed once when necessary. Books become overdue after two weeks and students will not be allowed to borrow unless they are returned.

The Library program is well underway. Lessons for Kindergarten, Stage 1 and Stage 3 look very different this year. These stages will now be having lessons which are being team taught with the class teachers and Mrs Hawkins. Kindergarten students are being introduced to the Library, borrowing and returning procedures and features of story books such as title, author, illustrator and spine. Stage 2 will be exploring features of the Library and the types of resources that can be found within its walls. Stage1 and Stage 3 are beginning to explore units of inquiry that allow students to work collaboratively and teachers to explicitly teach inquiry and presentation skills to students.

Mrs Hawkins and Mrs I
Teacher Librarians

Meet the Teacher' Community BBQ,

Please return to school NO LATER than NEXT Wednesday 24th February (Week 5)

Family Name:……………………………….. Class/Classes: …………..

Number of People attending……………………

Please circle your sausage preference: Chicken or Beef (Halal)

Note: Sausage on a Roll and a drink will be distributed on a one per person basis. Additional Sausages on rolls and drinks may be available for purchase on the evening for $2 each.

For more information call the office on 9602 7435.